

Application Serial No. 10/812,599  
Reply to Office Action of 09/08/2006

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's objection to claim 3 on page 2 of the Action, the words "step" and "at" are no longer on different lines. Applicant submits that this objection is overcome.

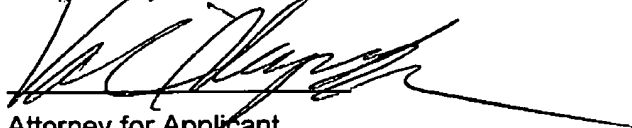
In response to the Examiner's objection to claim 6 on page 2 of the Action, Applicant submits that the term "QSAR" refers to "Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship", and that claim 6 has been amended to include the full term. Applicant submits that this objection is overcome.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of the pending claims under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter, to accommodate the Examiner, Applicant inserts a new step in claim 1 and submits that new claim 1 is directed to statutory subject matter under 35 USC 101. Specifically, Applicant notes that new claim 1 allows one to precisely evaluate mottling (nonuniformity) of a paint film by using the generated mottling value calculation formula. Support for the new step and new claim 1 may be found throughout the present application, including but not limited to pages 17-18 of the application. Applicant submits that this objection is overcome. Applicant notes that the present amendment is not meant to indicate that Applicant agrees the previously pending claims were directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 2 to 6 are amended in part in keeping with new claim 1.

Applicant submits that all the objections and rejections in the pending Action are overcome, and respectfully requests that the Examiner allow this application to proceed to grant.

Respectfully submitted,



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